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Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), I am pleased to invite you to consider nominating one or more individual(s) from your office to participate in the 2010 International Auditor Fellowship Program.

As a member of INTOSAI, GAO sponsors this program to (1) enhance participants' skills in order to strengthen the institutional capacity of supreme audit institutions (SAIs), (2) foster continuous learning and knowledge-sharing, and (3) strengthen professional networks to promote institutional relationships among SAIs, donors, and other partners in the accountability community.

The individuals selected for this program engage in a comprehensive, 18-week learning experience that includes classroom training and participation in job-related activities. The program focuses on the methods and techniques for conducting performance audits. In addition, participants prepare a strategy paper to introduce a plan or project into their SAIs. The head of the SAI identifies these plans or projects as part of the nomination process. We would be pleased to consider a mid- to senior-level nominee from your SAI.

I would like to invite you to participate by nominating a candidate(s) from your audit office for the 2010 program. Please ask your nominee(s) to complete an application form (enclosed), which also asks for your personal, signed recommendation and insight on how the nominee, if selected, would share what he/she learns with others in your office. Also, please note that the topic of the strategy paper mentioned above should be identified at the time of nomination.

While there is no tuition fee for the program, participating SAIs are responsible for arranging funding for all travel and living expenses. GAO does not provide any funds to individuals selected to attend the program and can only assume costs associated with the course administration and delivery. Funding assistance may be available from organizations such as the United States Agency for International Development, the World Bank, the United Nations Development Program, regional development banks, national development assistance agencies, and national governments.

The form should be completed and mailed no later than July 31, 2009. If you would like an electronic copy of this form, please go to www.gao.gov/aac/fellowsprgm.html or send your request to Sandsp@gao.gov. These forms are studied carefully as we go through the difficult process of choosing participants from the many excellent nominations received.

We believe that the International Auditor Fellowship Program, now in its 30th year, will continue to promote the sharing of information and experiences that will strengthen the ability of SAIs to fulfill their missions and to enhance accountability and governance worldwide.

If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact Ms. Pam Sands, Fellowship Program Manager, at (202) 512-5796 or Sandsp@gao.gov.

Sincerely yours,

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